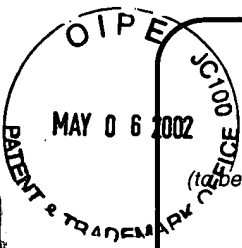


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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1. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-28, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
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- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
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- ☒ the drawings:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
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- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
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4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 13
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. This report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: EP-A-0 817 423 (HAGER ELECTRO S.A.), 7 January 1998 (1998-01-07)

D2: EP-A-0 905 594 (PHOENIX CONTACT GMBH & CO), 31 March 1999 (1999-03-31).

2. The subject matter of Claims 1 and 12 appears to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

- 2.1 In the terminology of Claim 1, D1 discloses a method for configuring a secure bus subscriber station (see the title and Claim 1) when the station is connected to a field bus in a secure control system, a defined subscriber address being associated with the secure bus subscriber station; the method has the following steps:

- transmission of a first log-on telegram (see Claim 2 in column 21, lines 16-22) from the secure bus subscriber station to a management unit connected to the field bus, the first log-on telegram containing a fixed universal address;
- transmission of an address allocation telegram

(see Claim 3 in column 21, lines 24-30) from the management unit to the secure bus subscriber station, the address allocation telegram containing the defined subscriber address; and

- storing the defined subscriber address (see Claim 3 in column 21, lines 24-30) in a memory of the secure bus subscriber station.

The subject matter of Claim 1 also differs from the prior art known from D1 in that the secure bus subscriber station sends the first log-on telegram to the management unit after it receives a defined service telegram.

The subject matter of Claim 1 therefore addresses the problem of devising a method that meets increased security requirements for communications.

Proceeding from D1, the solution to this problem is neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art. D2 discloses an interbus system in which data are additionally transmitted in negated form in order to increase communication security. It does not disclose the operation of a bus subscriber station on the basis of service telegrams.

The subject matter of Claim 1 therefore appears to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

2.2 Claim 12 defines the subject matter of claim 1 on the basis of device features which correspond to the method steps defined in Claim 1. Consequently, the above explanations with regard to the novelty and obviousness of the subject matter of Claim 1 likewise apply to Claim 12. The subject matter of

Claim 12 therefore also appears to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

3. Dependent Claims 2-11 concern developments of the method as per Claim 1. The subject matter of dependent Claims 2-11 therefore also appears to be novel and to involve an inventive step.
4. The subject matter of Claims 1-12 is unquestionably industrially applicable.

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

5. Pursuant to PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the description should have cited documents D1 and D2 and briefly outlined the relevant prior art (see also the PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines, Chapter II-4.4).
6. When the applicant submitted amended claims, he should at the same time have brought the description into line with the amended claims (PCT Rule 5.1(a)(iii)). This concerns, in particular, the paragraphs from page 7, line 1 to page 14, line 18, which practically literally reproduce the wording of the claims.